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PASS AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: NPT ADHERENCE
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1. AS PRESIDENT CARTER STATED ON APRIL 27, USG CONTINUES
TO BE STRONGLY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE
TO THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT). NONPROLIFERA-
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TION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY UNDER CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION
INCLUDES STATEMENTS STATING IT IS US POLICY BEGIN QUOTE O
STRONGLY ENCOURAGE NATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT RATIFIED NPT TO DO
SO AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DAE END QUOTE.

2. REF (A) ASKED 20 LDC EMBASSIES TO APPROACH HOST GOVERN-
MENTS (INCLUDING GOTT AND GOB) AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE

LEVEL TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OF NPT ADHERENCE. ENCOURAGING GOTT RESPONSE LATE LAST YEAR FROM ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MFA INDICATED THEY COULD DUST OFF NPT ADHERENCE AND SEE THAT IT RECEIVED FULL CONSIDERATION EARLY IN 1977. GOB OFFICIAL INDICATED HE WOULD LOOK INTO SITUATION (REF C). NO FURTHER WORD HAS BEEN HEARD FROM EITHER GOVERNMENT.

3. WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING UP SOME OF THESE EARLIER DEMARCHES BOTH TO PURSUE POSITIVE RESPONSES AND TO CONTINUE AN ACTIVE PROGRAM OF ENCOURAGING THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE TO THIS IMPORTANT TREATY. OCCASION OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN THIS TREATY WITH GOTT AND GOB AND WE BELIEVE THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE ITEM FOR THE BILATERAL AGENDA. PRESIDENT HAS RECOGNIZED EFFORTS TO AVERT FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS REQUIRES BROAD INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. ONE METHOD FOR SMALLER COUNTRIES TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO NONPROLIFERATION IS THROUGH ADHERENCE TO THE NPT. OVER 70 OF THE NONALIGNED ARE ALREADY PARTIES TO THE TREATY. GOTT AND GOB BOTH SIGNED IN 1968, BUT HAVE NEVER RATIFIED.

4. UNLESS AMBASSADOR YOUNG OR EMBASSY HAS ANY OBJECTIONS WE RECOMMEND HE RAISE NPT RATIFICATION DURING HIS VISITS DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING REFERRING AS APPROPRIATE O LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREVIOUS APPROACHES REPORTED REFTELS:

-- IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS PRESIDENT CARTER PLEDGED TO WORK TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE HAS RECOGNIZED THE US' RESPONSIBILITY IN THAT REGARD BY SEEKING SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN SALT, EARLY MOVEMENT TOWARDS A BAN ON ALL NUCLEAR TESTING, AND BY FOCUSING INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON AVOIDING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES.

-- NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IS ONE OF THE GREATEST THREATS TO FUTURE INTERNATIONAL STABILITY. THE PRESIDENT HAS ACCORDED HIGH PRIORITY TO THIS PROBLEM AND HAS PLEDGED HIS ADMINISTRATION'S TIRELESS EFFORTS TO AVERTING THE POTENTIAL DANGERS. HE HAS CALLED ON ALL NATIONS TO ASSIST IN HIS ENDEAVOR.

-- ONE IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THIS EFFORT IS THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT), WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE IN 1970 AND NOW HAS OVER 100 PARTIES. THE PRESIDENT RECENTLY STATED HIS SUPPORT FOR THIS TREATY AND HAS ENCOURAGED THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE.

-- GOTT (GOB) SIGNATURE OF NPT DEMONSTRATES ITS SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL NONPROLIFERATION REGIME. WE WOULD URGE YOU TO MOVE TOWARDS RATIFICATION AS LOGICAL NEXT STEP AND AS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO WORLDWIDE NONPROLIFERATION EFFORTS. MORE THAN 70 NPT PARTIES ARE NONALIGNED AND WE BELIEVE GOTT (GOB) RATIFICATION COULD PROVIDE IMPETUS FOR OTHER NON-PARTY NATIONS TO ADHERE.

-- WE WOULD URGE GOTT (GOB) TO JOIN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN SIGNATORIES WHICH HAVE RATIFIED. VENEZUELA AND PANAMA ARE MOST RECENT NATIONS TO HAVE TAKEN SUCH ACTION, THE LATTER IN JANUARY OF HIS YEAR. OF ORIGINAL 19 LATIN AMERICAN NPT SIGNATORIES, ONLY HREE HAVE NOT BECOME PARTIES

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(COLOMBIA IS OTHER COUNTRY). CARIBBEAN STATES PARTY TO THE TREAY INCLUDE JAMAICA, HAITI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GRENADA, AND BAHAMAS. ALL CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES HAVE JOINED.

-- US RESPECTS TREATY OF TLATELOLCO (LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE) AS RESPONSIBLE REGIONAL APPROACH TO DEALING WITH NONPROLIFERATION AND PRESIDENT CARTER PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE IMPETUS TOWARDS FULL ENTRY INTO FORCE FOR THE TREATY BY SIGNING PROTOCOL I IN MAY. US RECOGNIZES GOTT (GOB) ADHERENCE TO TREATY OF TLATELOLCO AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF ITS COMMITMENT TO NONPROLIFERATION AND WOULD WELCOME AN EXTENSION OF THIS COMMITMENT TO ONLY INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT WITH SIMILAR OBJECTIVES -- THE NPT. SUCH ACTION BY GOTT (GOB) WOULD NOT RESULT IN THE ASSUMPTION OF ANY ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS SINCE THEY HAVE ALREADY FORESWORN NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ACCEPTED IAEA SAFE-GUARDS BY VIRTUE OF THEIR RATIFICATION OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. CHRISTOPHER

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